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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE

USING A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.